

# **Statewide Long-Range Multimodal Transportation Plan Policy Committee Meeting**

**May 14, 2003  
VDOT, Monroe Building**

## **Meeting Summary**

Ms. Julia Connally welcomed all and began the meeting at 11:30.

There were no public comments.

Ms. Connally introduced Arlee Reno of Cambridge Systematics. Mr. Reno will be assisting DRPT with their needs assessment. Ms. Karen Rae said she will provide the committee with a summary of work to be done for this task. Cambridge Systematics will also be assisting the Technical committee with public involvement activities.

The April meeting minutes were approved.

Ms. Connally welcomed Secretary Clement who thanked the VTRANS2025 Policy Committee members for their contribution to the Statewide Long Range Multimodal Plan. He added that Governor Warner has also expressed his appreciation for the committee's commitment. Secretary Clement reviewed the initial charge from the Governor to the committee, stressing the importance of putting priority on ensuring that the elements of the plan expressly stated in the legislation are completed in a timely fashion. The Phase 2 products include a status report on the modal needs assessments required of each modal agency, a status report on the existing transportation system and consideration of policies affecting all transportation modes.

The Secretary was asked what was expected from the Policy Committee this year and how the schedule works with the Governor's tenure. The Secretary once again stressed the importance of delivering the plan's products on time. He also noted that the accelerated schedule for the completed plan ensures that the plan will be submitted to the General Assembly while the Governor is still in office, but will not jeopardize the integrity of the plan by not allowing enough time to produce a quality product.

During ensuing discussion, it was suggested that a subcommittee be formed that will concentrate on reviewing materials developed by the Technical Committee that must be submitted to the General Assembly on December 1,

2003. The committee was in agreement with this suggestion. This subcommittee will consist of the following persons:

Julia Connally  
Hunter Watson  
James Keen  
Kenneth Klinge  
Ralph Davis  
William Kehoe

The report on socioeconomic trends in Virginia will be available for review at the end of May.

In addition, the committee decided that the following policy issues would be the focus of upcoming meetings:

Multimodal connectivity  
Land use/transportation connection  
Multimodal review and prioritization framework  
Funding and how funds are allocated

The focus of discussion for the June meeting will be the issue of multimodal connectivity. Ms. Connally requested that a white paper be developed and distributed to the committee to facilitate discussion during the meeting.

Jeff Southard outlined several VDOT initiatives dealing with land use. VDOT is currently conducting a literature search and follow-up survey of land use best practices in other states. In addition, VDOT has two pilot programs underway with Caroline and Botetourt counties, working with County staff to provide input into the update of the transportation element of the Comprehensive Plan. The Policy Committee should be able to benefit from the results of this work as they discuss the land use issue. Mr. Southard will keep the committee informed of the progress of both initiatives.

The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for June 25<sup>th</sup> at the Virginia Port Authority. Details will be provided.

**Committee Members Present**

Julia Connally  
Ralph Davis  
Hunter Watson

Harry Lester  
Gerald McCarthy  
Robert Bray  
Charles Macfarlane  
Karen Rae  
Philip Shucet

William Kehoe  
Kenneth Klinge  
James Keen

**Others Present**

Kathy Graham  
Kim Spence  
Mary Lynn Tischer  
George Conner  
Jeff Florin  
Ken Lantz  
Cliff Burnette  
Ranjeet Rathore  
Gus Robey  
Arlee Reno  
Tom Swanson  
Bill Labaugh  
Whitt Clement